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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - MARCHETTI AIRCRAFT CRASH IN AEGEAN SEA

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REF: 10 FAM 521.7

1. S.I.A.I. MARCHETTI AIRCRAFT MODEL S 205/20R, OWNED
AND PILOTED BY PANAGIOTIS VAXEVANAKIS CARRYING TWO PASSENGERS,
DITCHED INTO THE AEGEAN SEA ABOUT 25 MILES NORTH OF SKIATHOS
ISLAND MAY 25.

2. PENDING RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM HELLENIC CAA,
EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM
OWNER/PILOT: AIRCRAFT IS OF GREEK REGISTRY, BEARING REGISTRATION
MARKS SX-AGG. IT HAD TAKEN OFF FROM THESSALONIKI AIRPORT, BOUND
FOR ATHENAI. OWNER/PILOT ATTRIBUTES CAUSE OF ACCIDENT TO
ENGINE FAILURE. VAXEVANAKIS AND PASSENGERS SWAM SAFELY ASHORE.
AIRCRAFT RECOVERED FROM SEA BOTTOM (50 YARDS FROM SHORE) AND
AVCO LYCOMING ENGINE, SERIES 10360, 200 HP INJECTION, SENT TO
HELLENIC AIR FORCE'S STATE AIRCRAFT FACTORY FOR INSPECTION TO
ASCERTAIN CAUSE OF ACCIDENT. VAXEVANAKIS REPORTS THAT ENGINE HAD
ONLY 10 FLIGHT HOURS SINCE ITS RECONDITIONING IN FRANCE BY
LYCOMING'S LICENSEE. AIRCRAFT CONSIDERED TOTAL LOSS, EXCEPT FOR
ENGINE, BECAUSE OF SEAWATER DAMAGE. INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED
BY HELLENIC CAA.

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